

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS,
FROM 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-
TRICT OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers to raise young men and women. I rise today to congratulate and honor 37 outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students is participating in the 2007 Congressional Arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional!

We have 37 students participating. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Leigh Cignavitch from Mount Olive High School for her work entitled "Core and Rind." Second place was awarded to Lauren Novotny from Montville High School for her work entitled "Lauren in Fauvist Forest." Third place was awarded to Jeff Koroski from Roxbury High School for his work entitled "The Time, The Tremulant, The Torrent."

I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name, and the title of their contest entry for the official Record.

Home schooled: Phyllis Schlafly's "Roses in the Mirror."

Boonton High School: Loryn Britton's "Untitled;" Sarah LaPlaca's "Portrait of Brendon" (honorable mention), Jennifer Hitching's "Self in still-life" (honorable mention), Caitlyn Harvey's "Self Portrait" (honorable mention).

Bridgewater-Raritan High School: Allison Boucher's "Lady of the Flies" (honorable mention).

Dover High School: Matthew Burbridge's "Hurd Park."

Livingston High School: Ellina Ryzhik's "My Bike;" Arielle Rothbard's "Untitled;" Linda Innemee's "The Dragon Flies."

Madison High School: Samantha Sweet's "My fundamentals;" Kayleigh Martin's "Warmth;" Marissa Rich's "AVERY" (honorable mention), Sharela Banfield's "Hands, Feet, & Polish" (honorable mention).

Millburn High School: Jessica Pester's "Easy Chair;" Jacqueline San Fillipo's "Blue Chair;" Ann Trocchia's "Cala Lily."

Montville High School: Jennifer Eishindrelo's "Monday Morning;" Stefani Colonnelli's "Untitled;" John Lake, Jr.'s "Self Deception."

Morris Knolls High School: Maxine Kramer's "MONEY;" Davendra Sukha's "Assorted Nuts;" Charles Doornan's "An Uncertain Future;" Stephanie Grawehr's "reading by candlelight."

Mount Olive High School: Rebecca Weiss's "A Memoir to Gettysburg."

Pequannock High School: Joel Lumpkin's "Headless Self Portrait;" Lauren Porochnik's "Spring Leaves."

Ridge High School: Lindsay Abken's "An Icon;" Rebecca Goldberg's "L'Orange Blue;"

Angela Singer's "Garden Still life;" Christina Roros' "Knobby Knees & Dollish Dimples."

Roxbury High School: Lauren Poggi's "SUB-URBIA;" Julia Biczak's "Self Portrait;" Chelsea Austin's "JUDE ARCHER."

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Every time a vote is called, I walk through that corridor and am reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

**TAIWAN APPLIES TO THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, as the World Health Assembly prepares to meet in Geneva this May, Taiwan is applying to the World Health Organization as a member under the name "Taiwan."

For years, Taiwan has been excluded from the activities of the World Health Organization; thus the health rights of the 23 million Taiwan people have not been represented. Taiwan paid high prices for the enterovirus outbreak in 1998 and SARS in 2003; Taiwan should not be left out of the global disease prevention network.

The United States government has always encouraged Taiwan to seek meaningful participation in international organizations and if Taiwan were barred from World Health Organization activities, opportunities for Taiwan's government and people to make contributions to world health affairs would be severely impeded.

I therefore urge my colleagues to speak up for Taiwan's right to participate in the activities of the World Health Organization. Fighting disease is a worldwide issue; no country or people should be excluded from WHO's activities due to political considerations.

**CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month. As you know May is designated as APA Heritage Month, and this year's theme is "Meeting the Challenges for Asian Pacific Americans." One of the central challenges is the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

I serve as the Immigration Task Force Chairman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). The caucus includes members who are of Asian Pacific descent and those who represent Congressional

Districts with significant APA populations, like the First District of Hawaii.

The Immigration Task Force is CAPAC's main voice on this important and timely issue. Right now, APAs face an immigration backlog that has forced many families to live for years apart from their loved ones. For example, Filipinos must wait 23 years before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) even examines their applications for a brother or sister from the Philippines. Furthermore, 1.5 million Asians live in the U.S. as undocumented immigrants. They live in the shadows without access to basic services, and are vulnerable to exploitation.

As Task Force Chairman, I have made it a priority for CAPAC to support Comprehensive Immigration Reform. True immigration reform not only helps us secure our borders, but addresses the issues of family reunification and earned legalization for undocumented immigrants. With that concern, I cosponsored H.R. 1645, the "Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy (STRIVE) Act of 2007," and I am working now to get members of CAPAC to support this bill.

The "STRIVE Act" would help eliminate the family backlog by no longer counting spouses and minor children of naturalized citizens against the worldwide cap on family-based immigration. That means remaining visas can reduce the backlog for the other classes of family-based immigrants. Such a move not only serves as a humane gesture, but upholds our core family values.

The "STRIVE Act" also addresses the concerns of the undocumented immigrants, providing for earned legalization, which means that people would be allowed to emerge from the shadows. Illegal immigrants would have to pay fines and back taxes, pass criminal background checks, and meet English and civics learning requirements. Contrary to the rhetoric, these immigrants would not jump ahead of those who have pending legal visa applications, but would instead have to wait their turn. Furthermore, they would not count against either the family-based or employment-based immigration caps.

While not perfect, the "STRIVE Act" is an excellent start to solving the immigration reform problem. As we celebrate the contributions of APAs to the nation, we must rededicate ourselves to a new direction; to meet the challenges faced by APA families. That is how we open the door to the American dream to all Americans.

**HONORING THE MEMORY AND
SERVICE OF HARRY LEON WILSON**

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and service of PFC Harry Leon Wilson, who is the only known African-American to be a member of the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division during the Korean War, where he was taken as a prisoner of war on November 27, 1950 and died in February 8, 1951 while in prison.

Harry Leon Wilson is also the only known African-American POW from Carter County,